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Update for Public Toilet Facilities Rules (9 A.A.C. Chapter 8, Article 3)

A.R.S. § 36-136(H)(8) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) "may enter, examine and survey any...public washroom, public rest room, public toilet and toilet facility...in which the director has reason to believe there exists a violation of any health law or rule of the state that the director has the duty to administer."

The current rules are being amended to provide standards for sanitary conditions and facilities in public restrooms and public portable toilets and to make the rules consistent with current statutory authority and Department policy,

The Department filed a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening for the Public Toilet Facilities rules on December 19, 2007. This docket opening notice was published in the <u>Arizona Administrative Register</u> on January 11, 2008.

To keep interested persons informed about the rulemaking, the Department has established a website for the rulemaking. The Department anticipates posting draft rules on the Department's website for informal public comment by Fall 2008.

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